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SUBJECT: UK COMMENTS ON EASTERN BLOC COMPETITION TO
BRITISH SHIPPING INTERESTS

IN A LETTER RESPONDING TO AN INQUIRY FROM SOUTHPORT MP
IAN PERCIVAL, THE UK UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR COM-
PANIES, AVIATION AND SHIPPING, STANLEY CLINTON DAVIES,
STATED THAT THE PROBLEM OF SOVIET MERCHANT MARINE COMPETI-
TION "REQUIRES NOT SIMPLY A BILATERAL APPROACH, BUT AS
FAR AS POSSIBLE A JOINT ONE BY WESTERN MARITIME NATIONS
AND SHIPOWNERS." HE REFERRED TO DISCUSSIONS UNDERWAY IN
THE OECD AND THE CONSULTATIVE SHIPPING GROUP OF 12
EUROPEAN NATIONS PLUS JAPAN. HE ALSO NOTED FAVORABLY THE
RECENT US FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION MEMORANDUM AGREE-
MENT WITH THE SOVIET MINISTRY OF MERCHANT MARINE AND THE
CENSA TALKS IN LENINGRAD WITH SOVIET SHIPOWNERS, CALLING
THEM "STEPS IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION."

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